ing Away to the Circus When circus day arrived, fathr told us we were not to attend e circus; and, what was more, we were to work all day, and see the crowds or the parade. I told Jim I intended to make sneak and see the circus if I ied for it. Jim was a good boy, d warned me not to go, but when he saw I was determined, he accompanied me in the wild in we made for liberty.

Then we started out to borrow oney with which to attend the ening performance. But we didn't make any progress, so when the band struck up for the ight show we decided to crawl nder the tent. It seemed easy, and I was about in when a man caught me by the heels and pulled me out. While the circus man was cuffing me I saw another circus man cuffing Jim, about twenty feet away.

He had also failed. Then we met a man named McCurry, a ember of my father's church, a good man who did not intend to witness the performance, but who was nevertheless walking around outside to see the crowds and hear the band. We appealed to him. We said we had run of and should get a whipping, get a beating and not see the and said the people wouldn't performance.

Mr. McCurry looked around to see that no one was watching, And Mr. Cuddy, the banker, he

'Well, I don't want your father to know it, but I'll loan you thought of them. He said you the money."

the other boys, and inviting the to hear any more of that." circus men to "play ball," for the performance had not yet commenced. But when it did begin it was all we expected and more. It was Miles Orton's circus, I remember, and the clown was a merry fellow called Doctor Gilkerson.

But at last the show was over, ome-we knew what was coming to us.

The last wagon drove away about 1 o'clock in the morning. for us but to face the editor. So we sneaked in at the kitchen door; we imagined mother would leave that open for us, and found she had. After entering the kitchen, theoe was a door ed. and when we turned it, and went into the sitting room, there is being eaten. t the editor, waiting for us. I in behind me.

been to the circus?"

There was no use trying to deeive him. I was willing to try, but knew it was impossible, so I your nation, your political party. lied, meekly:

"Yes, sir." trying to decide just how hard ing into the general gray you are would whip us, and finally

'How did you like it?"

I was too wise a boy to be ennatic, under the circumtances, so I replied:

"Oh, I didn't think it amount-ed to much." (It did, though; it was the very best show I ever w in my life.)

For some reason the editor in't grab us and begin the nishment we expected, and

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Then I had an idea. I replied with animation:

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The editor was evidently pleased; still he delayed the whipping "Well," he said at last, after thinking awhile, "hurry on to bed. We chuckled softly, and Jim nudged me with his elbow and said I was certainly the boldest, wisest boy the country ever produced. And we paid and Jim and I hung around an back Mr. McCurry next day hour or more, dreading to go with ducks we stole from mother and later we fixed it all right with her-she never was as hard on us as father was. When we told her how we had fooled nd then there was nothing left father, she said it was a sin, but we caught her laughing about it

> Ideas of a Plain Man BY Dr. FRANK CRANE

Life consists in eating your leading into the sitting room, environment. Death consists in being eaten by your environment. to our room. We had gone A gamboling dog, gay in the sunround the house, and noted a shine, is alive; because he is light in the sitting room; we ex- breathing air, absorbing cosmic I will take Turkeys at 13 to lb. Hens and Springs pected trouble there. After heat and drinking water; he is entering the kitchen, we tried laying hold of these three elethe knob of the sitting room ments and making dog of them. loor, and tried to turn it quietly. A dead dog by the roadside, is Ever notice how a door knob dead because the air, heat and squeaks when you try to turn it moisture of the universe are quietly? That door knob squeak- triumphing over his spent life force; he has ceased to eat, and

Even so it is in the subtler best in first, and Jim sneaked realm of spirits. If your social surroundings are making you "Well," father said, "you've resemble them, if you are losing individuality and becoming a figure among figures, you are ceasing to be. If you are using your church, your club, your family, to make more, Jones you He thought awhile, as though are living. But if you are fadto your original atoms.

The universe wants to be eaten; for the purpose of books is that their contents pass into your mind and be digested; and teachers and saints and heroes, great men of former time and inspired souls of today, come to you demanding to be devoured and as-similated. The huge design of Nature is to develop your personality; only so can you repay her.

be had no switch.

"Did they any anything about me?" he asked.

I hadn't thought of that be-fere, but evidently he had been expecting as attack. I repeated what the clown had said, making it as mild as possible.

"How did the people take it?" he asked again.

Even God asks not that you be swallowed up in Him; that is Buddhism. Christianity is just the opposite. Jesus said: "I am the Bread of Life. Except ye est my flesh and drink my blood ye have no life in you."

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Senator Bristow, of Kansas, There are two factions in both has made an enthusiastic study branches of Congress with two of the affairs of the Pacific Mail distinct policies where canal ad- Steamship Company, its relation ministration is concerned. While to the transcontinental railroads both are intent upon manage- and its suppression of competitment of the canal in such a man- ion by water, is a determined as to insure free and unfavored advocate of Governmental concompetition, one group of states- trol of the canal in such a man-

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and chat with them all. 'Is this Murphy?" I ask, "that the crowd he defies?"

'No" says some, "he's one of the newspaper guys."

see a man start on the trail of a crook,

And he scorns all assistance, but brings hlm to book.

'My Burns?" I enquire. Some one scornfully cries-Burns? Naw. He's just one

of them newspaper guys." see a man walk through the door of a show Where great throngs are blocked stocking, come to the hub.

by the sign S. R. O. 'Is this Goodwin himself that no ticket he buys?"

Well hardly; he's one of those newspaper guys."

see a man knock on the president's door, And a sign "No admittance

completely ignore. 'Is this Morgan, that privacy'

rights he denies?" 'Morgan? Shucks! It's just one of those newrpaper guys.' And some day I'll walk by the

And see a man enter, unquestioned and bold. 'A saint?" I'll inquire, and

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